

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A top for a convertible vehicle-(1) with a flexible roof panel-(4), which is attached to an arrangement of convertible-top rods (5) and, in its rear area, to an attachment device-(9) of the vehicle body-(7), in which a clamping device (13, 13'), acting on the flexible roof panel-(4) in the region of its attachment to the vehicle body-(7) in the closed state of the convertible top-(2), is provided, said clamping device comprising:

said clamping device (13, 13') ~~being designed with~~ at least one bracket-(14, 15, 25) that forces the flexible roof panel-(4) in the closed state of the convertible top-(2) against an auto-body closure seal-(8),

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one bracket-(14, 15, 25) is pivotable with ~~its~~ at a rearward end around an articulation point arranged in a rearward portion of the at least one bracket (20, 21, 26, 27) ~~directly attached to the vehicle body.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the clamping device-(13) has a side bracket-(14, 15) assigned to each side of the vehicle.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each a-side bracket-(14, 15) is movable ~~in such a way~~ between a first position in the stored state of the convertible top-(2) and a second position that tightens the flexible roof panel-(4) in the closed state of the convertible top-(2), ~~so~~ such that ~~the each side~~ bracket-(14, 15) is pivoted upward with its end on the front side of the vehicle against the auto-body closure seal-(8).

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ including a side bracket-(14, 15) that is arranged essentially in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and that can be pivoted about the articulation point. ~~a pivot point (20, 21) attached to the vehicle at its rearward end and forming an articulation.~~

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 2, **characterized in that** wherein each the side bracket-(14, 15) in the opened state of convertible top-(2), is arranged essentially at the height of the attachment device-(9) of the flexible roof panel (4) and at a spacing from the flexible roof panel.~~it~~.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the at least one bracket-(25) is designed as an at least roughly U-shaped bracket extending essentially over the width of the vehicle.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the at least one bracket-(25) has a separate drive-(30), controllable as a function of the motion of the convertible-top rods-(5).

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the at least one bracket-(14, 15) is attached to the arrangement of convertible-top rods-(5) and can be moved by means of a drive device-(28) that drives the convertible top rods-(5) with the motion of the convertible-top rods-(5).

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the at least one bracket-(14, 15, 25) is attached to a main convertible-top support-(23).

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the attachment device-(9) of the vehicle body-(7) has a clamping profile-(10) for holding the flexible roof panel-(4).

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A convertible top according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the attachment device-(9) of the vehicle body has an at least roughly U-shaped clip-(22) essentially spanning the width of the vehicle ~~width~~, to which the flexible roof panel-(4) is firmly connected.